

HOUSE RESOLUTION 272

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ebiye Nyemade Ekadi for her many achievements both on and off the basketball court.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those student-athletes who, through their natural talents, have distinguished themselves both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ebiye Nyemade Ekadi, a student at Martin Luther King Magnet School, is one such exceptional young woman who has established herself as a highly skilled basketball player, playing varsity basketball from eighth through twelfth grade and excelling in other sports as well; and

WHEREAS, born in Nashville, Ebiye is the daughter of Green Ekadi, who was born in Nigeria, and Yvonne Ekadi, who was born in Liberia; her parents immigrated to the United States in the wake of civil war; and

WHEREAS, through diligent practice and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ebiye has achieved outstanding success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest student-athletes in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable basketball career, Ms. Ekadi has enjoyed many impressive milestones, such as scoring her 1001st point on January 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, always eager to learn and willing to adapt to any situation, Ebiye has received a number of deserving awards, including All-District every year from 2006 to 2010; All-Region for 2008 12AAA; sixth place sectionals girls shot put; Meharry Medical College 2008 OB/GYN Mentorship Program Essay and Poster Exhibit second place; Lady Tigers AAU 2008

9th Annual Spring Fling Tournament runner-up; and induction into the National Honors Society; and

WHEREAS, a talented player possessed of a natural ability, Ebiye is exceedingly grateful for the guidance and expertise of coach, Lindy King; and

WHEREAS, aside from her many varied and distinguished awards for performance on the basketball court, Ebiye Ekadi is a stellar student who works assiduously to maintain a 3.3 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, she also gives of her time and many talents as an active participant in several worthy activities, such as National Society of Black Engineers, the Latin Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Grace Eaton Children's Center; she also participates in several sports besides basketball, including soccer and track and field; and

WHEREAS, Ebiye's dedication and many accomplishments surely bode well for her plans to double-major in Computer and Audio Engineering, earn a Master's Degree in Computer Science Engineering, and start a family business with her four sisters and two brothers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ekadi is a remarkable student-athlete with an unmatched work ethic and an insatiable drive for excellence, and she truly is an ambassador for her city, this great State, and our nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Ebiye Nyemade Ekadi for her many significant accomplishments, both on and off the basketball court, and extend to her our best wishes for every success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.